

GERMANY STAKING ALL HER STRENGTH ON PRESENT OFFENSIVE

Nieppe sector. This morning the enemy's artillery activity increased southwest of Morlancourt and north of Kemmel.

Germany is staking all on the present offensive. She believes she will be able to inflict sufficient losses upon the Allies at least to make them listen to peace proposals. The Entente armies await the issue with confidence.

GREAT LOSSES STOPPED DRIVE, GERMAN POLITICIANS ADMIT

Still Hope, However, to Reach Coast and End War—Kaiser Only Wants His Colonies Restored by Allies.

COPENHAGEN, May 15.—German officials still believe the German Army will make its way to the North Sea coast, though they admit the offensive on the western front did not turn out as expected, that too many lives were sacrificed, and Hindenburg was stopped.

This is the assertion of the Berlin correspondent of the Politiken, who quotes an unnamed prominent German politician.

This official, the correspondent says, declared that once on the coast, German cannon would be able to blockade the Channel and reach the south coast of England, making it easier to bring an armistice, peace negotiations and the end of the war.

Germany, the politician asserted, did not want anything but the return of her colonies and supremacy in Madagascar. Germany would not aim at conquests in the negotiations, which he predicted for this summer.

The Politiken quotes a member of the Reichstag, name withheld, as saying:

"We have lost, including killed, wounded, and prisoners, 3,000,000 men. Do you think that we intend to make foolish claims and send our children through another four years of war? Moreover, we shall have enough to do during the age of man to control the new Russian countries and secure their mercantile and industrial influence. Responsible German politicians only demand that the western powers shall give back our colonies."

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Rearranged Divisions About Half Made Up of Returned Wounded and Recruits, Including Youths Only Eighteen Years Old.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, May 14 (United Press).—

There is little doubt that Germany has embarked on her last great adventure, in which every man, boy, horse and machine will be used in a desperate endeavor to gain a favorable decision during the present fighting.

The German drafts are refitting divisions which are about half composed of returned wounded and recruits. The latter include some boys of eighteen years. Few, if any, of youths of this age were in the line at the beginning of the offensive, when Hindenburg depended largely on the class of 1914, which fought with great impetuosity but lacked the stamina to win a victory.

A captured non-commissioned officer of the 62d Infantry says that regiment lost 50 per cent. of its personnel around Meteren (on the Flanders front). Its casualties included nine company commanders.

Another prisoner says his battalion lost between 60 and 70 per cent. of its effectives.

A prisoner belonging to the 112th Regiment says certain battalions lost from 40 to 50 per cent. It is clearly established that the German losses were high in both the Somme and Lys fights, delaying the start of the third drive.

There is every possibility that the class of 1915, which is being drafted in large numbers, will, with the veterans, be driven to death-fighting the Kaiser's boast that he will continue to rule the world, or will see every man, boy, horse and dog die.

COL. CLIVE GAVE HIS LIFE IN EFFORT TO SAVE FRIEND

British Officer Went Alone Between the Lines and Was Shot by German Sniper.

LONDON, May 15 (Associated Press).—Col. Percy Arthur Clive, member of the House of Commons for the South division of Herefordshire, gave his life on the western front in a gallant attempt to rescue a wounded officer.

Col. Clive, at the head of his battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers, had just straightened out the line by a successful counter attack when it was reported to him that the Colonel of the regiment on his left was lying severely wounded between the battle lines. Col. Clive went out alone to aid the wounded Colonel and was killed by a German sniper, subsequently the wounded Colonel was brought in by stretcher bearers.

Americans on Canadian Casualty List.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 15.—The following Americans are mentioned in today's casualty list:

Wounded—W. Donald Portland, Ore.; C. G. Friebe, Portland, Ore.; J. Freeman Arker, Boston, Mass.; W. Marshall, Jersey City, N. J.

In Tune With The Times

INSTANT POSTUM

A TABLE DRINK FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BE WELL SERVED—WITHOUT WASTE

TEUTON EMPERORS SELECT MONARCHS FOR SEIZED LANDS

Kings of Bavaria and Saxony Unbidden Parties to Kaiser's Conference.

LONDON, May 15.—The Austrian and German Emperors at their meeting at German Great Headquarters, German newspapers say, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, selected monarchs for Lithuania (Lithuania), Courland, Estonia and Poland.

According to a dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, both King Ludwig of Bavaria and King Frederick August of Saxony seems to have been participants in the great headquarters conference of the German and Austrian Emperors, although apparently neither was invited to be present. This is indicated by a statement in the Munich Neueste Nachrichten, which says:

"The hour is grave, and Bavaria cannot leave Prussia to be the whole arbiter of German destinies. King Ludwig therefore decided to proceed to headquarters. The departure of the King of Saxony to take part in the negotiations—a participation which was not desired in Berlin circles—was due to the same cause."

Another Vienna despatch to the Neueste Nachrichten says that the new Austro-German alliance is fixed for a period of twenty years, includes a military convention and provides for the closest economic and customs relations.

The convention, the Vorwaerts of Berlin says, will not cause much satisfaction in Austria, where the Germans are very unpopular owing to Pan-German agitation. A majority of the Austrian people, it adds, will consider that the convention will have a fatal effect on Austrian industry after the war, when the necessity will arise for getting large loans from foreign countries.

The London press comments freely on the meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Charles. The Daily Chronicle says that "apparently a step was taken toward formally defining and recognizing the subservient relations of the dual monarchy toward the German empire."

"An independent Austria-Hungary," the newspaper adds, "is impossible, chiefly because not one of its constituent nationalities wants it. The Austro-German and Magyar dominant minorities ruling over Slav majorities do not want an independent monarchy, but a monarchy dependent on Germany which can help them maintain their unnatural position."

On the other hand, the Czechs, Slovaks and Jugoslavs do not want a dual monarchy in any form, independent or otherwise. They want independent Czech-Slovak and Yugoslav states. Between these two schools any attempt by Emperor Charles to reassert the independence of the Hapsburgs is doomed to fail helplessly.

"Purview offers from him to the Allies of the kind of peace he would like to make have the same significance as would belong to similar offers made from Munich and Dresden."

"Meanwhile, we do well to realize that all attempts, whether in enemy camps or in our own, to trade on the idea of Austria-Hungary as a separate power are profoundly deceptive. 'Austro-Hungarian independence' is a phrase which has only one value, namely, camouflage for German sovereignty over Central Europe."

Austrian Reconstruction MUST FOLLOW AGREEMENT.

AMSTERDAM, May 15.—Vienna newspapers welcome the announcement that at the meeting at German Great Headquarters the German and Austrian Emperors decided upon a deepening of the alliance between the two countries.

"The renewal of the alliance," says the Neue Wiener Tagblatt, "satisfies the political intelligence of Austrians, who at the same time it is the heart of us Germans in Austria."

The newspaper adds that only an alliance with a strong Austria can have value for Germans in Germany and that the reconstruction of the empire with Germany will therefore have to be followed sooner or later by the internal reconstruction of Austria. This will serve both for defense and the long desired peace internally as well as externally.

German Seizure of Russian Grand Duke's Confirmed.

ZURICH, May 15.—Official confirmation was received in Berlin despatches today that the Russian Dowager Empress had been seized by German troops.

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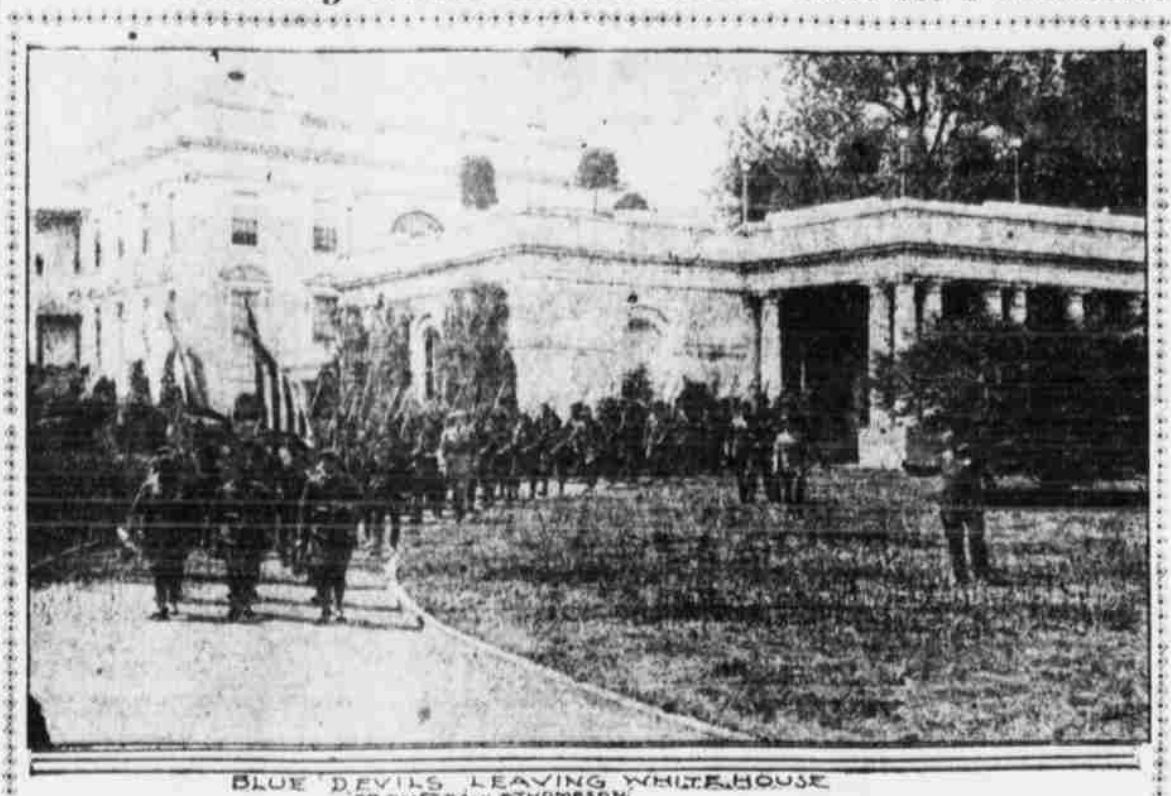
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"Blue Devils," Wounded Veterans of France, Leaving White House After Call on President



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FLYING MAIL ROUTE OPENED BY A PLANE OF THE BOMBING TYPE

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made his home in New York at No. 612 West 113th Street, the Columbia chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, of which he is a member.

Postmaster Patten and the guests gathered about the flying mail bus and the Postmaster made a little speech wherein he called attention to the significance of the moment and assured expansion of the flying mail to cover all the important cities of the country in the near future.

A word as to this first aerial mail wagon. Of Curtiss make it is and of the type known as the "bombing machine" on the battle lines. The big biplane has 350 feet of wing surface, carries forty gallons of gas and four of oil and is capable of a three-hour sustained flight with the throttle wide. The engine is 150-horsepower, is of the Hispano-Suiza type, Model J. N. 4 H. On the bird-like tail of the machine are the perpendicular red, white and blue stripes and each under surface of the lower wing carried the blue star in a red circle—the insignia of the American Aviation Corps.

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4-STORY FALL KILLS DUANE, NEIGHBOR OF ROCKEFELLER

Wealthy Bachelor Clubman Plunges From Window—Not Suicide, Says Nephew.

William J. Duane, forty-six, a wealthy bachelor and clubman, connected with a number of business enterprises in this city, either jumped or fell to his death from his apartment at No. 15 West 54th Street, shortly before noon today. Across the street is the city home of John D. Rockefeller and a few doors removed is that of John D. Rockefeller Jr.

For his immediate neighbor Mr. Duane had Dr. Frank E. Miller.

R. D. Humphreys, a nephew of Duane, scouted the idea of suicide. He said his uncle recently had suffered an attack of nervous breakdown, and had returned from White Sulphur Springs, Va., only two days ago. His theory was that Mr. Duane was seized with a dizzy spell and fell to the yard.

Duane was a member of the University and Down Town clubs. He was President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Wall and Hanover Street Realty Co., President and Director of the Simpson Tams Estate Corporation; a director of the Lawyers Mortgage Co. and Secretary of the Westminster Heights Co., with offices at No. 25 Wall Street.

The police reported the case as one of suicide.

4,422 RIVETS IN DAY RECORD SET IN CLYDE

London Mark Beaten After Offer of 25 Pounds as Prize by M. P.

LONDON, May 15.—Clyde has beaten the London riveting record, according to the Daily Mail. Thomas Devine, a former soldier, at the Dalmuir Yards of William Beardmore & Co., has driven 4,422 rivets in a side of a ship in nine hours. The London record, made last week by Robert Farrant, was 4,276 rivets in a tank in the same time.

Devine's record was made after W. V. Faber, member of Parliament for the West Division of Hampshire, had offered in a letter to the Daily Mail twenty-five pounds sterling to the first riveter in the United Kingdom to beat Farrant's figure.

No personal pressure IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Morgan J. O'Brien Confirms Opinion That Directors May Safely Give Corporate Funds.

Editors of Metropolitan newspapers and members of the committee which will look after the Red Cross drive in this city met at a luncheon this afternoon in the Bankers' Club. William C. Breed of the American Red Cross, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Breed explained the thorough manner in which the drive will be conducted and what measures have been adopted to foil bogus collectors.

"There will be no pressure brought to bear on anybody in this second drive," said Mr. Breed. "Those who give must give from the heart. Certificates can be paid for at once on in four payments, the first of every month from July 1 to Oct. 1. Every dollar will go for war relief. The expenses must be gotten from the membership dues of the twenty-two million members."

Morgan J. O'Brien, asked for his opinion with reference to the legal authority of directors and trustees of New York corporations to make contributions out of corporate funds to the Red Cross, wrote as follows:

"There is just a much chance of a shareholder of a corporation getting judgment against a director for voting a Red Cross contribution as there would be of convicting an American soldier of murder because he shot a German spy."

Caucasus Proposes Peace Negotiations to Turkey.

MOSCOW, Friday, May 10 (By Associated Press).—The Caucasus Government has proposed peace negotiations. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin is informed by the Turkish Government, Turkey, acting with Germany, has insisted that the Caucasus Government send its delegates to Batoum.

DIED.

SCHIECK—AUGUSTA SCHIECK, services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 6015 St. Thursday 8.30 P. M.

WIENIG—CHARLES C. and 73 years. Funeral services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway and 60th St. Thursday 12 noon. Providence nurse please notify.

CHARITY.

A JOINT BURIAL given to Lemon Searles, 60-20 Ave. Reg. District No. 10, at the AMERICAN RED CROSS at the Mala Otta House of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Saturday evening, May 18.

CANDY

PENNY A POUND PROFIT

A Smashing Big Special for To-Morrow, Thurs., May 16

CHOCOLATE COVERED BUTTER FAT—The centres are comprised of Purest Confectioners' Sugar, the richest Cream and finest Cocoa. Butte deliciously blended and flavoured with chocolate and vanilla. The finishing feature is a jacket of our rich, Creamy, Swiss Chocolate. SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY ONLY. FOUND BOX 19c

Attractive Features for Wednesday:

YEASTED MOLASSES LAYERS—A good old time Taffy you used to make in the home kitchen. The ingredients are made in pans and broke the lobe. Is it a lobe? Here's the identical copy of the lobe. It's a lobe. FOUND BOX 34c

ITALIAN STYLE CREAM CHOCOLATES—The centres of these goodies are comprised of Swiss Cream, confectioners' Sugar, Vanilla, and luscious. Here's the identical copy of the lobe. It's a lobe. FOUND BOX 44c

Loft New York

Stores: New York, Brooklyn, Newark.

The specified weight includes the container.

172 BRITISH STEAMERS ATTACKED BY SUBMARINES GET AWAY IN SAFETY

Financial Secretary of Admiralty Tells Commons of Successful War on U Boats.